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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY SIMON TO FINANCE
MINISTER SIMONSEN

REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVERY THE FOLLOWING LETTER SIGNED BY
SECRETARY SIMON TO FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MARIO :

I AM LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY TO MY VISIT WITH YOU IN
BRAZIL IN MAY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY HAS GIVEN ME A
COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THE MISSION THAT RECENTLY VISITED
WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS ON BRAZIL'S INVESTMENT AND
TRADE PROBLEMS. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE FRUITFUL. WE ARE NOW
ABLE TO PROPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND,
HOPEFULLY, POSITIVE ACTION, DURING MY VISIT.

I HAVE ASKED MR- PARSKY TO VISIT BRAZIL FOR PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR MEETING. HIS PRELIMINARY
PLANS ARE TO ARRIVE AROUND APRIL 18. I HAVE ASKED HIM TO
PREPARE FOR OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

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- A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY TREASURY BUREAUS AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE AREAS OF TAX AND CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

- WAYS TO PROMOTE U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL, INVOLVING A REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND SPECIFIC, HIGH PRIORITY BRAZILIAN PROJECTS FOR INVESTMENT.

- WAYS TO MOBILIZE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES FOR PRIORITY INVESTMENT PROJECTS.

- WAYS TO MAKE BEST USE OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED U.S./ BRAZILIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL.

- A REVIEW OF GENERAL TRADE ISSUES, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL EXPORT AND IMPORT ISSUES, AND EFFORTS BILATERALLY AND IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD RESOLVING SUCH ISSUES.

LASTLY AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY IN THE TRADE AREA, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SHOE CASE AND WHAT STEPS EACH OF US WOULD HAVE TO TAKE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE COUNTERVAILING PROBLEM AS IT AFFECTS SHOES. I UNDERSTAND YOUR AIDE MR. DORNELLES MAY BE ABLE TO MEET WITH MY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 TO SET UP A FRAMEWORK FOR A SOLUTION WHICH CAN BE FINALIZED DURING MR. PARSKY'S VISIT.

I HOPE THAT I HAVE LAID OUT A PROGRAM FOR DISCUSSION AND WORK THAT YOU AGREE WILL BE MOST FRUITFUL. I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT MR. PARSKY'S VISIT WILL FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROPOSED AGENDA. SINCERELY, WILLIAM E. SIMON. KISSINGER

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